





## NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE NEWS

**Will Look Church to Halt Robberies**  
 Doors of St. Patrick's Catholic Church, West Manchester, will be kept locked except during hours of worship, the Rev. Timothy Conboy, pastor, announced after thieves had made several visits to the church, rifling the poor boxes.

**McLane Succeeds Madden on Laws Commission**  
 At the meeting of the governor and council, John R. McLane of Manchester was named a commissioner for the promotion of uniformity in legislation in the United States to succeed the late Joseph Madden of Keene.

**Goes Sleighting at 101**  
 Abner Ware of Gilmanston, Wrentham, 101 years old, goes sleigh riding every day and is as interested in winter sports as the youngsters. He declares that nothing so conducive to prolonged life as the bracing air while behind a fast-sleigher.

**Physician Active at 75th Birthday**  
 Dr. William M. Parsons of Manchester, celebrated his ninety-seventh birthday Dec. 25. He is in the prime of good health and still practicing his profession by receiving patients at his home daily.

**Give N. H. Surgeon Post of Doctor on College Board**  
 The board of trustees of Dartmouth, meeting in Boston, has elected Dr. N. H. M. of Hanover, to life membership on the board as the successor to Gen. Frank S. Streeter of Concord, who died recently.

**Youngest Member of House is 21; Oldest 84**  
 Joseph O. Chandler, editor of the Brown Book, the official record of the membership of the Legislature, made that John A. Hayward of Berlin, born Jan. 5, 1891, is the youngest member of the House. Thomas Deschamps of the House, thirteen descendants are represented in the Legislature. There are 38 farmers, 39 manufacturers, 18 business men, 11 lawyers, 10 clerics, 30 wage earners, 35 clergymen and two doctors.

**N. H. Motorists Exaggerated**  
 Increased fees and registration of automobiles jumped the total collection for the New Hampshire motor vehicle department from \$1,000,000 in 1922 to nearly \$5,000,000 in 1923. The increase in 1923 was more than the total collection in the state's revenue in 1922. The increase in 1923 was more than the total collection in the state's revenue in 1922.

**Comptroller John P. Griffin Announces that the fees collected in his department in 1923, totaling \$1,246,234.50, the fee collections of 1922 amounted to \$747,232.14. There were approximately 600 more cars registered in 1923 than in 1922, and the increase in fees collected was about 45 per cent.**

**Gov. Brown Urges A 48-Hour Law**  
 Enactment of a law providing for a 48-hour week for women and minors was the subject of a speech by Gov. Brown in his inaugural address to the Legislature. This legislation was proposed by the Democratic State platform in the November election.

"I believe that the result of the election gave the Legislature a clear mandate to enact a 48-hour law," Gov. Brown said. "The textile strike in Manchester, which lasted nine months last year, was a reminder to the people that the strikers and the public generally are entitled to the polls to express their opinion and secure what they believed to be an adjustment of their grievances."

"Many Americans have expressed confidence that there would be no resort to Bolshevism in this country, that because the people have the recourse to the ballot, I believe this to be an opportunity to prove that they are right."

"I consider the 48-hour law for women and children in industry a humanitarian necessity and I believe it to be feasible financially."

The Governor declared that the existing system of taxation in New Hampshire was a failure and that a gross inequity has resulted from lack of effective tax revision. He called for a tax on income, a fairer and more property and a regrading of the inheritance tax, and recommended a tax of one cent per gallon on gasoline if an impost could be levied on the constitutional. He urged abolition of the poll tax for women, which he described as obsolete.

Gov. Brown called for immediate funds to continue tuberculin tests for cattle and urged the enactment of Forest laws by the Legislature.

**B. & M. May Run Crude Oil Cars**  
 Members of the public service commission were members of a party making a trip with a Boston & Maine "unit car," which bears crude oil, with a view to determining if it is practicable to use this type of place of travel on branches that are now unprofitable.

The commission has expressed favor of this plan as a desirable economy measure.

**Putnam Serves in Marketing Scheme**  
 Word that George M. Putnam of Concord, president of the New Hampshire Federation of Farm Bureau and a member of the American Federation, has been named to the special committee which will handle the co-operative marketing work of the National Farm Bureau.

This is the principal committee of the executive committee. This work will be viewed as the main project of the Federation this year.

**Scouts Train in Woodcraft**  
 Boy Scouts in New Hampshire are getting practical training in woodcraft from members of the field staff of the state forestry department, who are co-operating with the regular scout masters and leaders. A good start was made last fall, several of the communities joining in the work and next spring it is expected most of the 2500 Boy Scouts in the state will be included in the course of instruction.

New Hampshire was the first state to take up this line, but the results of the first few weeks here have proved so satisfactory that the idea has been taken up in Massachusetts and other states are already showing an interest.

Field Supervisor John M. Corlies of the New Hampshire forestry department was the originator of the project.

**State Shorter Than Major Prices**  
 New Hampshire gained unusual distinction at the annual livestock show in New York City in Chicago when Major Supreme, the herd brought back nine other prizes. They were the best of the breed in the state.

**Demands U. A. Keep Off Reparatons Issue**  
 Senator George H. Moses denounced all schemes designed to bring the United States into the European reparations tangle and the proposal to remit to Europe any part of the debts there in an address at the annual meeting of the University, Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs.

The United States participation in European affairs as the work of international bankers. He stated that this group has planned to use the treaty of Versailles and the reparations commission as a device to subordinate the United States to the European powers.

**Reveals Facts on Highways of N. H.**  
 Under the caption of "Do You Know?" the New Hampshire Highway Department issued a special bulletin which is in reality a "What's What" in the highway business in the state.

The facts are set forth in question form among the list of interrogatories here following:

"There are over 14,000 miles of roads within the state boundaries, exclusive of private and sectional roads in cities and towns on trunk lines."

"During the past four years over 60 miles of trunk line roads have been improved."

"New Hampshire's average cost of \$13,325.00 per mile for Federal aid is the lowest of any state in the New England States."

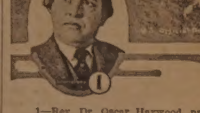
"New Hampshire's expenditures for highway purposes during the past 17 years have amounted to \$2,000,000 of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the purposes during the past two years."

"Massachusetts expects to have more than \$10,000,000 available for highway purposes in 1924."

"In 1923 New Hampshire will have available from all sources for highway purposes approximately \$2,000,000."



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## NEWS REVIEW OF CURRENT EVENTS

**Allied Premiers Cannot Agree on Reparations and the Entente Is Smashed.**

**FRANCE FREE TO ACT ALONE**

**Lausanne Conference Also Is Likely to Fail—Industry and Agriculture Ask Relaxation of Immigration Restriction Law—President Vetoes Bureau Pension Bill.**

By EDWARD W. PICKARD

**PRESIDENT HARDING HAS vetoed the Bureau bill, which provides increased pensions for veterans of the Civil and Mexican wars and their widows, mainly on the ground of economy. This is the latest in a series of vetoes by the President in his neighborhood.**

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ment, in which he said: "You can get certain amounts of money by taking immediate possession of Germany, but you cannot take over Germany and re-establish her financial stability. The allies have reached a point where they must choose between these two methods. They cannot have both. This is not a political question; it is a business question. You can get certain amounts from Germany if you take possession of her, but you cannot take them and re-establish German credit."

He concluded: "It is often said that the British have a selfish interest in the restoration of Germany because we do so much foreign trade. It is my firm conviction that, from a purely selfish point of view, if an earthquake were to come along and swallow Germany up we would gain, not lose, since Germany is our trade rival."

Hay's remarks carried to Paris a German program and was permitted to submit it in writing to the British and French delegations. It suggested the same reduction in reparations as the British plan and asked a ten-year moratorium and an international loan of a billion and a quarter dollars to help Germany to act alone as she may see fit in the matter of enforcing payment from Germany.

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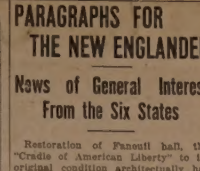
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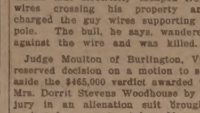
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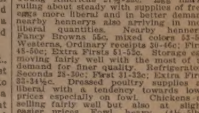
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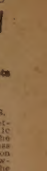
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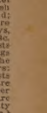
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O. E. BRADFUTE

New President of American Farm Bureau Federation

At the annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federation held the week of December 11, Mr. Oscar E. Bradfute of Ohio was chosen as president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, probably an honor second only to that of the President of the United States.

He is one of America's best known farmers, owning and operating a large farm in Xenia, Ohio, where he has one of the finest herds of Aberdeen Angus cattle in the Middle West.

He is at present president of the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation, which is one of the best organized and strongest State Federations in the country.

Through his own state he is loved and respected by all, and the farmers of Ohio are with him 100 p. c. strong. He is greatly interested in the educational work in that state, and one of the strongest backers, and trustee of the Ohio University.

Mr. James B. Howard, the retiring president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, who has served very ably and efficiently as president of the American Federation for the past three years, in retiring from the office which he has held, will be classed by all who knew him as the foremost farmer of America.

It is needless to say that President-elect Bradfute has the whole-hearted support and backing of "Jim" Howard on all matters which he undertakes.

Annual Meeting New Hampshire

As this paper goes to press, plans are being made for the annual meeting of the New Hampshire Farm Bureau Federation to be held on January 12th and 13th.

It is expected at this time that the voting delegates will be called for a special session on the afternoon and evening of the 11th.

James B. Howard, of the American Farm Bureau Federation, who has just retired as president, will be the main speaker at the agricultural banquet. Other speakers at the banquet will be Ex-Governor Robert P. Bass, President George M. Putnam, Master of the State Grange Herbert N. Sawyer, Governor-elect Fred H. Brown, J. C. Kendall, Director of Extension work.

President Ralph D. Hetzel of the New Hampshire College will act as toastmaster. The banquet will be served in the banquet hall of the Universalist Church. The main meetings will be held in the Memorial Parish

House. On the program will be many interesting talks and discussions, led by voting directors, members of the state executive committee, and state officers. Commissioner of Agriculture Andrew L. Felker, will be one of the main speakers on the afternoon of the 12th.

Explain Marketing Costs

Members of the American Farm Bureau Federation are particularly interested in the fourth report of the Joint Commission of Agricultural Inquiry covering the subject of distribution of agricultural commodities. This report will be off the press in the very near future and can be obtained from your Congressman.

Among other things it points out that it costs more to distribute and serve production than it costs to produce. The system is described as "unwisely," including "relatively inefficient means and uneconomic methods of handling with wasteful buying habits and practices on the part of the consuming public."

The Commission says that the problem of distribution is one of the most important economic questions before the American people. Chairman Sydney Anderson of Minnesota says that the Commission found no fundamental cause of a governmental or public character with respect to marketing and distribution, and it was, therefore, "necessary to undertake a pioneering effort to secure from the original sources the basic facts of the problem."

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THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Grafton, SS.

Superior Court, January 8, 1923

In the matter of a petition for annulment of marriage and other relief, which is now pending in the superior court for said county of Grafton, the original of which is on file in said court and may be examined by interested parties, the title of the case being as follows:

Lewis Elwin Piper v.

Sylvia Bernice Dickson

It appearing that the residence of the libellee is unknown, it is ordered that the libellant give notice to the libellee to appear at the superior court next to be held at Plymouth, in said county of Grafton on the 2nd Tuesday of May 1923, then and there to show cause, if any there be, why the prayers of said libel should not be granted by causing a true and attested copy of this citation and order of notice to be published in The Meredith News, a newspaper printed at Meredith, in said county of Belknap, it being newspaper published at or nearest the last known place of residence of the libellee in this state, three weeks successively, the last publication to be at least fourteen days prior to the return day.

It is further ordered that the clerk shall send by registered mail, with request for a return receipt, a copy of the libel and order attested by him, within seven days after filing, to the libellee at the last known postoffice address, and to the relative or friend, as stated in the libel.

Attest: DEXTER D. DOW, Clerk

Cox & Fowler, Attys for Petitioner.

The foregoing is a true copy of citation and order for publication.

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Center Harbor

The village schools began Monday after a five vacation.

Elmer Gillette is now working at The Briars for the winter.

I. G. Lunt has just laid in a car load of coal and now feels that he is ready to meet the cold weather when it lands here. (7)

Mrs. Lottie Spinnay made a trip to Leconia last Saturday, owing to the illness of her mother.

Gilman Lunt made the rabbits move along some last week. His young dog seems to take a great liking for the business.

Quite a large motor boat was sold last week by Norris P. Bartlett, collector of taxes, at the sheds near Leighton's. Charles A. Leighton was the purchaser. It was sold for \$12,000.

With the coming of Mr. Rollins' mail business has improved in this place. Everybody seems to find plenty of work that is so inclined.

Talk about an open winter! This one has seemed to be open to all the snow that wants to fall.

Albert Down, who for a long time has worked at Kona Farm, has been having quite a severe run of pneumonia, but is better now.

Lakeview

School opened January 8th after two weeks' vacation.

Mr. Germaine has returned from Concord where he went for treatment at the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Berry are rejoicing over the birth of a son, January 2nd, Ernest L. Berry, Jr.

Mrs. Wilbur Dearborn and daughter of Meredith, spent last week with friends here.

Mrs. Nahum Berry of Sandwich is caring for Mrs. Berry.

Thousands of people, including representatives of the American Farm Bureau Federation, co-operated with the Commission in the securing of this data.

Committees were formed representing each trade or industry, and those bodies assisted in preparing the 15,000 questionnaires that were sent out and returned.

The Commission thus ascertained the range of actual costs, prices and margins in the period 1913-1921, inclusive, for the representative products of those trades and industries.

When these figures had been collected and analyzed, a conference was called in Washington of representatives of all the trade commission and correlated the reports of the special trade committees and thus provided the basis for the Joint Commission's report.

The Commission will be able, however, to make certain suggestions, which it believes will indicate the method by which improvements and economies can be made in our distributive system.

Good breeding.

Good manners is the art of making those people easy with whom we converse. Whoever makes the fewest persons uneasy in the best bred in the company.—Swift.

Chaucer.

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MEREDITH LOCALS

First Baptist Church

A good audience Sunday morning, despite the cold outside, greeted our pastor, returned after a long illness, and there was general rejoicing of heart and thanksgiving that he has been spared to take up his work with us again.

1922 was a banner year for our Sunday School as to attendance, the average being 144 pupils. Our goal for several years has been an average attendance of 100 which we reached in 1922 lacking a small fraction. Now we are well over the top and we take no backward steps.

The officers elected December 31 for the new year are as follows: Supt. Mrs. Ella Eaton; Asst. Supt., Bertrand Files; Secretary, Mrs. Nina Files; Treasurer, Ralph L. Smith; Organist, D. E. Eaton; Auditor, Mrs. G. W. Hawkin. The teachers are, Rev. T. J. Cate, Deacon P. H. Smith, Mrs. Carrie E. Smith, Mrs. Geneva M. Haskins, Mrs. Lilla D. Plinn, Mrs. Ethel Davis, Mrs. Mildred Wilson, Mrs. Alice Shaw, and the Misses Alice J. Ballard, Ella L. Roberts, Esther Roberts, Gertrude Stafford, Mary Wallace, Frances Roberts and Esther Plinn.

Our people learned with deep regret of the death of Mrs. Mary Lambert, wife of Rev. Joseph Lambert, who has supplied our pulpit during the past 3 1/2 months, and unanimously agreed to send him a message expressing our heart-felt sympathy.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to express my heartfelt thanks, as best I can, to the members of the United Christian Church of East Holderness, also to my other dear friends who have stood by me, and done everything in their power to help and comfort me in the few days that have passed—my time of need—God bless them, every one.

Also I am so very grateful for all the letters I have received. They have been a great comfort to me, also the beautiful flowers which were given in memory of my dear father.

Cara M. Berry

Musical for the Insane.

A brass band has been added to an English asylum's equipment as a therapeutic agency in the treatment of the insane.

AT WEEKS & SMITHS

WE STILL HAVE A COMPLETE LINE OF SKIS, SKI POLES, SKI BINDERS, SNOW SHOES, SNOW SHOE BINDERS, SLEDS, ETC.

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WEEKS & SMITH

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Want

Uncertainty

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The significance of this famous saying that astounded the world in 1915 can be applied to either peace or war.

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Start building your barrier today.

NEW HAMPSHIRE SAVINGS BANK & TRUST COMPANY

East Holderness

Miss Eleanor Baker has gone to Manchester, N. H., where she expects to work this winter.

Miss Ruth Porter entertained several of her friends last Thursday evening. Games were played and refreshments of ice cream and cake were served. The young people reported a very enjoyable evening.

Irving Brown has returned from Plymouth where he has been helping care for N. B. Cox, who died last Wednesday morning, after a lingering illness. Mr. Cox was a resident here for 71 years of his life, and was prominent in town affairs. He was buried in the family lot at Ashland last Saturday.

Malcolm Gould has returned to New Hampshire State College.

Willie Barry, age 65, died at his home here December 23. Mr. Barry appeared to be as well as usual and had been working during the day at a neighbor's, Mr. Allen. He returned in the early evening to his home, where he lived with his daughter. She met him at the door and helped him brush off the snow, as it had been storming hard. Mr. Barry sat down beside the fire and remarked that it was a bad night, and a few minutes later said, "I guess I'm dizzy, Cara."

He had hardly uttered the words when he fell, but Cara caught him and held him in her arms until she knew he was actually dead, then she took a lantern and went to Mr. Allen's for help.

Mr. Barry was a lifelong resident of this place, a friend to everyone, and loved by all. He will be greatly missed especially in the Church here, where he was very active and a great inspiration to all who met him. It seems as though his life as a Christian man was as full as could be. He was kind, gentle, with never an ill word for anyone. All that his Master had asked of him, he tried his best to live and we feel that he made a success of it. His wife died about two years ago, and since then he has lived alone with his daughter Cara, who has watched over him and his health most faithfully. She has the deep sympathy of everyone. Other relatives were a brother, Chas. H. Barry, of this place and two nephews in Concord, N. H. The funeral was held at the home December 31. C. P. Jamison, pastor of the United Christian Church, spoke briefly and appropriately. Wilbur Emery in charge of the services.

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Secure from

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Others consider it better to pay a little for insurance than to lose a lot by fire. How about you?

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Splendid Line of

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Buy Gold-Seal Rubbers and get the best

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## MEREDITH

There will be installation of officers  
next Friday evening, January 12, at  
Lakeside Rehearsal Lodge.

The W. C. T. U. will meet with  
Mrs. Bessie Whiting on Friday after-  
noon of this week, at 2:30 o'clock.

Rev. E. T. Blake, a former pastor  
here, was among those invited to  
the office of chaplain at Concord dur-  
ing the session of the Legislature.

Don't forget the masquerade dance,  
whist party and supper, a combina-  
tion of pleasure and all for fifty cents.  
Next Monday night at Concord Hall.  
Proceeds for the benefit of the base-  
ball fund.

It was said to be a masquerade dance  
next Monday night at Grange Hall.  
Also special tables for whist. Supper  
served at intermission. Prizes will  
be awarded. A good out of town or-  
chestra will furnish music. All this  
for only 50 cents. Remember the date  
Monday night, January 15.

Mrs. Georgina M. Blaisdell went to  
Tilton Monday night. She has in-  
stalled the officers for the new year  
in the O. E. S. Chapter in that town.  
Mrs. Florence Smith accompanied her  
to act as Marshall. On Thursday  
evening Mrs. Blaisdell will install the  
officers in the Lebanon Chapter.

The Meredith Women's Club has been  
studying local history and finds  
that the town was originally called  
Meredith, how far back that was and  
what it meant. We presume that it  
is generally known that the collapse  
of the town hall in Meredith, twenty  
years ago, led Lacombe, which was  
called Meredith Branch at that time,  
to be merged with the town of Laco-  
me and secured it in the next legislature.  
—Lacombe News and Critic.

If you want Wilson's work in pho-  
tography bring your order at your  
drug store. 61tf

## PREMIER THEATRE

NEXT SATURDAY, JAN. 13, (With Matinee at 2:00 o'clock)

The most astounding! Amazing! Fascinating and extraordinary pic-  
ture ever filmed. Marshall Neilson's Mile-a-Minute Melodrama of News-  
paper life.

### "GO AND GET IT"

Excitement, thrills and dangers of no newspaper life.

HAROLD LLOYD in "High and Dizzy," a two reel special of laughs and  
fun for all.

NEXT WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, AT 8.00 P. M.

A VIVID, GRIPPING DRAMA

### "THROUGH THE STORM"

It tempests come, and joy be far behind. Lightning strikes the sky.  
Thunder shook the earth. Her hour has come. Her soul bared before the  
storm of her own conscience. Don't miss this crashing drama of a girl's  
struggle.

Lloyd Comedy and the latest Fox News

## SALE

Just at this time of year

It is a custom for most

Stores to have a Sale before

Stock-taking; however we

Are stepping out of line and

Will do something different.

For the next three months we

Shall have Friday and Saturday

Specials each week, and

Which days we shall offer

At attractive prices different

Articles of Merchandise.

Watch our window.

THE STORE OF SMILES

## WILKINS

## WILLIAM E. BIXBY PLAYS HOST

Takes a Chum Around the World With  
Him as a Birthday Gift

If the News has it right, W. H. Bix-  
by, the banker and shoe manufacturer  
of Haverhill, Mass., a millionaire, was  
born in Meredith, Mrs. Abbie Cow-  
ing is his sister, and she and mem-  
bers of her family have enjoyed many  
trips in his company.

Haverhill, Jan. 6.—A five month  
trip around the world, with side trips  
to all important places in the 39 coun-  
tries to be visited.

This was a birthday gift to Dr.  
William P. Robinson, the dean of the  
medical fraternity of Haverhill, who  
today reached his 72d milestone, from  
his nephew of 30 years, William E. Bix-  
by, a prominent banking man and  
leading citizen of the shoe city.

The recipient of this notable birth-  
day present and the donor left Haver-  
hill yesterday on their trip, and with  
John F. Howard, another Haverhill  
manufacturer, and Mrs. Adeline E. Ty-  
ler, a prominent real estate owner of  
this city, will sail from New York next  
Tuesday, to be gone until June.

The four Haverhill shoe trotters  
have for several years past traveled  
extensively. Mr. Bixby and Mrs. Tyler  
have frequently visited Europe. Mr.  
Howard and Dr. Robinson have con-  
tinued to travel to the United States.  
Mr. Bixby has undoubtedly traveled  
more extensively than any other Haver-  
hill residents. It has been his prac-  
tice for the past 40 years to make one  
and sometimes two trips yearly. He  
has visited almost every country, but the  
first time that he has ever started on  
a world tour.

It was just a year ago, after he had  
returned from a three months' trip to  
the Orient, that Mr. Bixby decided to  
circle the globe, and he invited him-  
self, Dr. Robinson, Dr. William P. Rob-  
inson, the dean of the medical fraternity  
of Haverhill, and his wife, to be his guest.

Show shoe hikes are in order now!  
Alexander Goss, who has been work-  
ing in Collins' Drug Store, Lakeport,  
for some weeks, spent Sunday at  
Meredith, calling on friends.

A. A. Kidder isn't forgetting his  
many friends in Meredith, and he has  
been calling on them. This week he  
arrived with souvenirs which he sends  
to pass around among the aforesaid  
Meredith callers. This week the New  
received two purses, one for friend  
wife and one for the editor, and hard-  
ly a day goes by without some little  
remembrance coming to this office in  
the shape of a paper, or southern most  
of leaves, all sorts of curios and love-  
ly things. It looks as if "A. A. K." was  
having the time of his life in Flor-  
ida, and this is causing no reflection  
on the many New Hampshire fishing  
and hunting outings he has had in the  
past.

### Public Notice

Beginning Saturday, January 6th,  
the Meredith Grain Company will  
close its place of business every Sat-  
urday night at six o'clock. This plan  
will continue until Spring.

MEREDITH GRAIN CO.

## The Week of Prayer

With the union service at the Bap-  
tist Church Sunday evening, the an-  
nual observance of the Week of Prayer  
was brought to a close. The atten-  
dance at these services has been far  
from what such services deserve, but  
the prayer of earnest homes has been  
prayer and get-together must have a  
powerful influence in the work of the  
week.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and  
Friday nights the services were held  
at the Baptist church. F. H. H. H. H.  
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## MEREDITH'S PAST

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Next comes the old home of Nathan Wadleigh, who for many years did a lumber business in Meredith, taking the trees standing and selling as dimension lumber. Of him I may say more later.

Next place is the Brad Tuttle place. Mr. Tuttle and his brother Ben were masons and worked in Meredith and Laconia, also doing a little farming. Ben lived in the next house toward Laconia. These men were mostly before my time although I knew them and did work for them as old men.

Next, and last, house in Meredith is the Gen. John Wadleigh place. He was one of Meredith's great men being looked up to and respected by all who knew him. He was an old man when I was a boy and I knew but little of him or the old place.

I came down the hill so fast that I missed the Ben Tuttle place in the crotch of the road. Here is where Fred Harris now lives. Of him I know but little. It seems to me that some man in that section ought to write up his history as I shall go no farther west than the Peace Road from Tuttle's to the William Robie place coming back to Meredith around the foot of the pond, as I am not well acquainted with that part of Meredith.

Coming back to the Peace road I will have to skip until I get to the Dr. Carr farm. The doctor was a friend and customer of mine and when he was on earth I knew him well. I dealt with him for years. He was a large man of great strength, an exceedingly good farmer, with good judgment of values, but once his judgment failed him. He did not feel well so one day he came to mill and went up to see Dr. George Sanborn. The doctor looked him over and today one box of pills, with one pill as the dose.

He went back to the mill after his grip and shoved his pills to Frank Canney, the miller, saying, I don't believe those little things will do me any good one at a time and I will eat half of them if you will eat the other half. This was agreeable to Frank so they divided the pills and each ate his half. The result was that Frank had to take to his bed for a while, but the doctor was tough and would not give up, but he too had a hard time. This little story describes these two men better than they could describe themselves. It used to be said that the wind blew so hard up there that the doctor lived, that he wore boots with lead on the bottom and carried stones in his pockets to keep him from being blown away.

Coming down the hill we have the John Nostley place. John was an old man when I was a boy. I remember him well. John and his wife had no children, but for a long while a niece lived with them. This niece Marvin Brown married and he went there to live. Here he did some farming and a large horse business, buying horses by the carload and selling them to men in need.

For some reason Marvin sold the farm and came to the village where he and his wife now live.

The next farm that I know anything about is the old Noah Pease farm. Here I want to work once when I was a very small boy. My stay was about as the old man said I was not as smart as a grain of mustard. Noah had several boys who went to Chicago and did exceedingly well as money-puffers. They must be dead now as they were older than I am. Several men have owned this farm since Noah's time and it is now the home of Will Roberts, one of Meredith's natives.

Next is the Sim Pease place. This has been in the Pease family for many years, I should say more than one hundred and today one Simon D. Pease lives there. Simon D. Pease was

quite a prominent man and was looked up to by most of Meredith.

Next is the old Pike farm. This used to be a fine farm when James Pike, one of the old men's (James Pike) boys made it a summer home. This has been in the Pike family for more than a hundred years and the daughter of Jim's, who married Dan Burleigh, now lives there.

When I first knew it there we have the Moses Pease place. Mr. Pease has been dead many years and the farm has changed hands several times and is now owned by Ralph Phipps.

Next is the old Russell Doe place. This is a small place and has been in the Doe family many years and is now owned by a daughter of Mr. Doe. When I first knew it there was a cripple shop in the old Doe's who had a shoe shop in the all of the house. Of him I know nothing.

The next place of interest is the Oak Hill meeting house. Here is a good place to close this letter and to begin the next one, which I will take advantage of.

### Meredith Neck

About fifteen inches of snow fell on Thursday and Friday of last week. H. B. Dickinson's mother has returned to her home in Wrentham, Mass., after a three weeks' visit.

The nurse at Mr. Heidenbach's left Sunday as Mrs. H. and baby are doing fine.

The Adams family have been spending the Christmas holidays with friends in Massachusetts.

William Gordon of Winona visited Mrs. Downes over the week end.

Foley Elliott's sister from Rumney visited Mr. and Mrs. Elliott last week. Mrs. Flora Fogh has the largest cod pile at her door of anyone on N. Neck.

C. P. Cushing has got his stock in a new barn.

### Winona

The snow storm of Saturday night made the roads so bad that R. F. D. carrier John Ernest was unable to go through. Everett Woodman is boarding at C. L. Bowles'.

Haven Marston and Forest Perkins are boarding at Walter Harvey's. Oscar Bowles and Everett Woodman were Meredith visitors Saturday.

J. W. Smith, station agent at Winona, is in Manchester Saturday attending the Grand Lodge of Masons.

C. M. Bowles and wife have moved to a camp near Winona State.

C. M. Bowles was in Laconia last Sunday.

### HOLDERNESS CITIZEN.

NATHAN B. COX, DIES

Resident was Well Known in Politics Throughout the State

Holderness, Jan. 25.—Nathan B. Cox, aged 75 years, a salesman and tax collector of this town for 14 years, died at his home here yesterday. Mr. Cox had been suffering from lung illness. For the past half century he has taken an active part in the Republican politics of the state and was a former chairman of the board of supervisors.

The deceased was representative to the state general court in 1887 and a member of the last Connecticut convention. He was a member of Mt. Vernon Grange.

Besides his wife, Mr. Cox is survived by a daughter, Mrs. J. W. Carr, Wakefield, Mass., and a brother, Herbert W. Cox, Laconia.

### CATARRHAL DEAFNESS

is often caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have running nose or imperfect hearing. Unless the inflammation can be reduced your hearing may be destroyed forever.

HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE will do what we claim for it—cure your system. Catarrh. HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE has been successful in the treatment of Catarrh for over Forty Years.

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### CONSERVATOR'S NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the subscriber has been duly appointed by the Judge of Probate for the County of Meredith, N. H., as Conservator of the person and estate of Marilla M. Hatch, of Meredith, in said County, decreed to stand in need of a conservator.

All persons indebted to the said MARILLA M. HATCH are requested to make immediate payment to the subscriber, and all having claims to present them for adjustment.

LIZZIE A. HOAG, Conservator

Meredith, N. H., January 8, 1923.

### Collector's Sale of Non Resident Land

State of New Hampshire Belknap SS.

Notice is hereby given that so much of the following real estate in the town of Center Harbor, in said County, belonging to persons not resident in said town, as will pay the following taxes assessed upon each tract respectively for the year 1922 with incidental charges, will be sold at auction at Charles A. Leighton's Store, in said Center Harbor, on Wednesday, the 28th day of February next, at two o'clock in the afternoon, unless prevented by previous payment.

Owner's Name and Description

Robert Lange, Hutchins land, 1/2 acre \$200 \$4.24

Ella J. Miller, Davis Cottage, 1/2 acre \$300 \$6.36

Thomas Spence Plot Lodge Camp 1/2 acre \$500 10.50

Center Harbor, N. H., Dec. 18, 1922.

NORRIS P. BARTLETT, Collector.

## LAKEPORT BOY WHO RISKED LIFE TRYING TO EMULATE HOFDINI RISES TO NATIONAL FAME IN CHOSEN PROFESSION OF MAGIC

### LEARNED LOTS OF HIS TRICKS DURING HIS TELEGRAPH OPERATING DAYS IN MEREDITH

Fred Davis Came Near Drowning When he Shackled Himself to Bicycle and Rode off Weirs Run-way Into Lake, His Magic Failing



PROFESSOR FRED DAVIS

By Frank M. Frisselle, in Sunday Union-Leader, Manchester

In the line of New Hampshire people, of whom the Sunday Union Leader makes a specialty—together with New Hampshire scenes and happenings—there is one New Hampshire chap who is a wizard. And that is no joke! For he is Fred Davis of Laconia. A whole lot of people know him in this state as well as in the United States and Canada.

Fred Davis, by sheer pluck, good nature and personality, has made a beaming success of the profession of magic. In the old days when Davis was a mere lad, the Lake Village people used to laugh at his queer stunts. He laughed himself. He was always doing something out of the ordinary, he didn't know why, but he was alert mentally and quicker than a cat physically, and when he thought he could "do tricks" he laid to that idea until he was master of his peculiar business.

### First Lecture Tour

In late years, New Hampshire people have not heard much of Fred Davis, not because he has not been doing things, but because he has been thousands of miles more or less from the state, pleasing other people.

A great many years ago—perhaps 25—a great American traveler appeared in New York and thereabouts. He did not appear to be very old, but he had a surprising grasp on foreign countries, and a bunch of lantern slides with which to illustrate that grasp. People gasped at his remarkable experiences. The "much travelled" individual was Fred Davis, only he had never before been outside of New Hampshire and it was about his first appearance in the platform limelight.

Davis says that he was probably the worst lecturer then who ever was born in good old America. It appears that Dr. Greene, of patent medicine fame, who once ran for governor or congressman, and who maintained a mansion and a big henhouse on Long Island, Lake Winnepesaukee, wanted somebody to lecture for him, and at the same time advertise his medicine.

Fred Davis was knocking around his home town, Lakeport, then called Lake Village, and the doctor picked on him and Davis started out. Davis did not actually tell a falsehood when he was relating about the lantern slides in New York towns, but he was so clever at it that his audiences thought him second to Roosevelt in the travelling stunt. But most of Davis's inspiration came from the pictures.

Right from the time he was in swaddling clothes, Fred Davis

wanted to be a magician, just the same way that some kids want to be a policeman or an ice man. And one of his first daring "tricks" was to tie himself to a bicycle and go flying down the runway at the Weirs, that leads from the railroad platform to the Winnepesaukee wharf. Off he would go into the lake, and then the trick was to untie himself and come up from the bottom of the lake. The first time he tried it there came near being an item in the current edition of the Union that a certain Lake Village young man had been drowned. But he did the trick, and repeated it several times successfully, of course, or he would have been reposing in some graveyard long ago.

### Clever at Trunk Trick

Then he began to pick up more "tricks." He accumulated many stunts and by constant practice he became skillful. Then he undertook the famous trunk trick with variations. Now he is a wonder at getting into a box and getting out again. He has all the handy stuff down to the finest degree.

He joined a small repertoire company, and between the acts Fred Davis came out and illuminated the atmosphere with some quick and rapid-fire funny stuff and did his tricks. Then he began to get together paraphernalia of his own, like flowing velvet curtains, brass stands, and some of the mechanical apparatus which go with a magician's outfit. He had to go slow, and so he was a long time accumulating his properties.

He did a little business in New Hampshire by appearing at club and society entertainments. He has, perhaps, in the old days, shown his tricks in Manchester a hundred times where he had a small army of friends. He has played at the Park Theatre, at the Calumet club, the Derryfield club, for the James W. Hill company on feature trade days, and in many private homes in the Queen City.

He beguiled many hours trying out tricks during the time he was telegraph operator in Meredith, in the days when Levi Burrall was station agent, Ethel, his daughter, the ticket agent, and Chas. A. and other members of the family worked about the station.

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### Well Earned Recognition

The swift advance which New Hampshire has made along lines of material helpfulness and modern cooperation among agriculturists received striking recognition at the recent meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federation where George M. Putnam, president of the New Hampshire Farm Bureau Federation, was elected a member of the executive committee of the national organization, going on as representative, in this capacity, of all of the New England states.

This gratifying choice of a New Hampshire man as one of the governing body of what is probably the most potential single group in the biggest industry—that of farming—in the United States, not only signifies in emphatic fashion the leadership in matters agricultural in New England which this state has achieved, but it comes as a fitting reward for what he has done as much, if not more, than any other single individual in the state to bring the farming interests of the commonwealth into useful and beneficial relations.

Mr. Putnam is a real "dirt" farmer. He not only owns and operates a big, modern dairy farm, but he maintains upon it one of the finest herds of purebred Jersey cattle to be found in New England, one of which is the present state champion Jersey. Aside from discharging his general and absorbing duties as president of the State Federation of Farm Bureaus, Mr. Putnam finds time to serve as treasurer of the Granite State Dairyman's Association, as president of the Merrimack Farmers' Exchange, as president of the Concord Dairy Company, as director of the New England Milk Producers' Association, as director of the New Hampshire Cooperative Marketing Association and as a director of the newly organized New Hampshire Discount Company which is designed to extend credit facilities to the farmers of the state.

Such a man, so thoroughly informed as to New England's peculiar problems, so keen in his perception of our rural needs, and so aggressive in every good work which he undertakes, will do a very great service to New Hampshire and to all of New England as a member of the executive committee of the National Farm Bureau Federation, because his presence on that highly important committee will be a guarantee that the national farmers' organization will not overlook the interests of this section of the country in its efforts to aid and foster the steady growth of a profitable agriculture.

### Secretary Bridges on Publicity Committee

Secretary H. Styles Bridges of the New Hampshire Farm Bureau Federation, was chosen to serve on the general publicity committee at the National Farm Conference held in Chicago, prior to the annual meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federation. Mr. Bridges was a member of the committee representing the Eastern part of the country, the other members being, George Barrington, South Dakota, Jack Morrill, Texas, Arthur Weard, Ohio, U. L. Ungren, Michigan.

### Thought for the Day

Be careful of the man who is always suspicious of everybody else.

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